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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CÁRDENAS).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 14, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TONY CÁRDENAS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF RUTH ELLIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, during Pride Month, to honor the phenomenal Ruth Ellis, a former Detroit resident who was the oldest surviving open lesbian and an LGBTQ rights activist.

Born in 1899, and living until the age of 101, she came out as a lesbian around 1915. She took in LGBTQ-plus youth experiencing homelessness and dis-

placement, and her home became known as “the gay spot.”

Not only did she give refuge to our youth, but she provided them books, food, and even assistance with their college tuition. She was an icon.

Still today, LGBTQ-plus youth experience homelessness at a disproportionate rate. The Ruth Ellis Center in Highland Park was created in the 13 District Strong and was named after and in honor of Ms. Ellis. They provide safe, affordable, identity-affirming housing for marginalized Black and Brown Detroiters, especially our LGBTQ-plus youth. Join me today in honoring and recognizing Ruth Ellis and the incredible advocacy of the Ruth Ellis Center and their incredible team.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GREG MUDGE

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, I celebrate the memory of Greg Mudge, a longtime community advocate and businessowner in Detroit, who we tragically lost last year. Greg was a beloved member of our community, and his sudden death was a shock to us all.

When he first opened Mudgie’s Deli back in 2008, Greg was already considered a member of our community. A food service veteran himself, he built and managed his own business with the heart and soul of family. His approach was “all hands on deck,” and he never shied away from any task and was always ready to give a helping hand.

Greg’s commitment to serving homemade food, including incorporating family recipes, made Mudgie’s Deli a neighborhood standout. More than that, Greg’s enthusiasm and passion for his work shined through in all that he did. Greg Mudge embodied the spirit of our beautiful southwest Detroit community and our Corktown neighborhood. Please join me in honoring his memory.

REFORM THE MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION SYSTEM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, Democrats keep forcing taxpayers to bail out failing and mismanaged union-run multiemployer pension plans, and it needs to stop.

The Committee on Education and Labor has dedicated considerable time and held countless hearings on the problems posed by multiemployer pension plans and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation’s, PBGC’s, multiemployer insurance program.

Unfortunately, unlike previous bipartisan legislation to address the failing system, our Democrat colleagues decided to go it alone by enacting the deceitful American Rescue Plan Act, ARPA.

Under the guise of COVID relief, ARPA included an irresponsible and uncapped taxpayer bailout of failing and insolvent multiemployer pension plans. Let me repeat, there is no cap on the amount of taxpayer dollars that PBGC may send to multiemployer plans.

This is especially concerning given that multiemployer plans are currently underfunded by \$756 billion.

Unsurprisingly, the cost of ARPA’s pension bailout program continues to grow. The Congressional Budget Office originally estimated it would cost taxpayers \$86 billion. Five months later, PBGC estimated it would likely distribute \$94.2 billion. After 2 more months, PBGC estimated it would likely distribute \$97.2 billion and, in one scenario, could distribute upward of \$147 billion.

To date, PBGC has disbursed \$6.7 billion to 26 plans, and this is just the beginning.

In April, the Central States, South-east and Southwest Areas Pension Plan

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